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SUBJECT: **STATUS REPORT – REVIEWS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES' YOUTH DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DIVISION (Board Agenda Item 51-B, June 14, 2011) AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE COMMAND POST (Board Agenda Item 7, July 12, 2011)**

On June 14, 2011, your Board instructed the Auditor-Controller (A-C) to review the Department of Children and Family Services' (DCFS) Youth Development Services Division (YDS). The Board order was related to a theft of funds from YDS' Transitional Housing Program (THP) clients. On July 12, 2011, your Board instructed the A-C to also review DCFS' Emergency Response Command Post (ERCP). That Board order was based, in part, on allegations that some children were spending too much time and may be receiving inadequate care at ERCP.

We previously advised your Board that we expected to issue the YDS Phase One report by November 15, and the ERCP report by November 18. However, based on some additional work required on both reviews, we are still finalizing our reports. We expect to issue both reports to your Board by January 5, 2012.

Please call me if you have any questions, or your staff may contact Robert Campbell at (213) 213-0101.

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